



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for January 26, 2017

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature.

Note: to get the most from this report, be sure to open the [links](#) throughout this issue for the latest news and information. Thank you for your interest!

***Due to staffing, this issue is being distributed early.

53rd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

More than 335 floor actions have been filed thus far since the last issue; ten of those are related to bills tracked by the Council.

Arizona State Senate 53rd Legislature [2017 Session Timeline](#)

Note: January 30 is the Senate Bill Introduction Deadline; February 9 is the House Bill Request Deadline and February 10 is the last day for introduction of bills.

Summary of Action

As of this time on **Day 18**, **702 bills posted**, **55 Memorials or Resolutions** and **one passed**. The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. Those bills are featured in the **FULL List**. To view that list, click [HERE](#).

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list ***does not*** represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. It ***does*** mean that the topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

Note: our web report provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information on all of the bills being tracked and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Be sure to click on the bill number for more information. This list will continue to be edited and updated throughout the session. Bill information including description, status, hearings, etc. is part of a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol*

Times.

A few bills highlighted from the FULL List

HB2042: dhs; fingerprinting; requirements – Volunteers who provide medical services, nursing services, behavioral health services, health-related services or supportive services at a residential care institution, nursing care institution or home health agency are required to have a valid fingerprint clearance card. Recent action: on House Committee of the Whole/COW 1/26

HB2076: advanced directives registry; provider access – By December 31, 2018, the Secretary of State is required to establish in rule a process for health care providers to access the health care directives registry. Hearing: 1/26/17 at 9:00 am, House Rm. 4.

HB2336: end of life decisions; terminally ill – A “qualified patient” is permitted to make a written request for medication to end the patient’s life. Establishes a process for the request, including a requirement for it to be signed and witnessed by at least two persons who meet specified requirements. Also establishes required procedures for the attending physician and a consulting physician. Requires a 15-day waiting period and provides for effects on construction of wills and contracts. Specifies immunities and civic penalties for violations. Recent action: on 1/24/2017 referred to House Health Committee.

SB1301: family caregiver income tax credit - For tax years beginning 2018, an individual income tax credit is established for taxpayers who incur qualifying expenses for the care and support of family members in the taxpayer’s home. (See also HB2209)

Committee Members are listed on the Arizona State Legislature’s website at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/CommitteeMembers>.

Check out the *Arizona State Legislature* website: www.azleg.gov

Calendar & News link: <http://www.azleg.gov/alis-today/>

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#).

Find and review bill information [HERE](#).

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts at any time by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at **602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson; in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883** (outside Maricopa County only) or email: engage@az.gov.
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

[JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights January 2017](#) states "Year-to-date, ...General Fund revenues are 3.0% above the prior year and are \$38.0 million above the enacted forecast."

Arizona Economic Trends January 2017 [HERE](#)

Governor's Budget page: <http://azgovernor.gov/budget>

Executive Budget Summary:

<http://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/governor/documents/executivebudget-summary.pdf>

FEDERAL UPDATE

H.R.181

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to count portions of income from annuities of a community spouse as income available to institutionalized spouses for purposes of eligibility for medical assistance, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 1/3/2017 by Representative Markwayne Mullin (OK-2)

On 1/3/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.293

Highly Rural Veteran Transportation Program Extension Act

Introduced on 1/4/2017 by Representative Don Young (AK-At Large)

To extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly

rural veterans.

On 1/19/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.313

Savings for Seniors Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Representative Marsha Blackburn (TN-7)

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to establish a Social Security Surplus Protection Account in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund to hold the Social Security surplus, to provide for suspension of investment of amounts held in the Account until enactment of legislation providing for investment of the Trust Fund in investment vehicles other than obligations of the United States, and to establish a Social Security Investment Commission to make recommendations for alternative forms of investment of the Social Security surplus in the Trust Fund.

On 1/5/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.325

***Adult Day Center Enhancement Act**

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)

On 1/5/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.329

***To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for expenses for household and elder care services necessary for gainful employment.**

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)

On 1/5/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.334

***Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 2017**

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)

1/5/2017 Referred to the House Foreign Affairs.

H.R.410

***Protecting Life Until Natural Death Act**

Introduced on 1/10/2017 by Representative Steve King (IA-4)

On 1/10/2017 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce.

H.R.444

***Seniors Fraud Prevention Act of 2017**

Introduced on 1/11/2017 by Representative Theodore Deutch (FL-22)

On 1/11/2017 referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Related bills: S.81

H.R.508

***To expand Medicare coverage to include eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dental care.**

Introduced on 1/12/2017 by Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40)

On 1/12/2017 Referred to House Ways and Means

S.24

***A bill to expand eligibility for hospital care and medical services under section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to include veterans who are age 75 or older, and for other purposes.**

Introduced on 1/4/2017 by Senator Bill Cassidy (LA)

On 1/4/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.46

***Strengthening Medicare Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation Programs Act of 2017**

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Senator Dean Heller (NV)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs under the Medicare program.

On 1/5/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.81

A bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 1/10/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar

On 1/10/107 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

Transportation.

S.109

***A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under Medicare program of pharmacist services.**

Introduced on 1/12/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

On 1/12/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.157

***A bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR.**

Introduced on 1/17/2017 by Senator Marco Rubio (FL)

ON 1/17/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Check active legislation on the Senate website [HERE](#)

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

Contact the **White House**: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

ALSO: USA.gov provides contact information at:
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS& RESOURCES

From the **American Society on Aging/ASA**

Winter 2016-17 Generations

A Message to the President on Aging Policy [HERE](#)

Kaiser Health News

January 18, 2017

Inside Hospital, Families Find Refuge With Recliners, Tissues and Cake **[HERE](#)**

January 26, 2017

How To Make A Home Much More Friendly To Seniors Using Wheelchairs Or Walkers
[HERE](#)

Aging topics: **<http://khn.org/topics/aging/>**

National Alzheimer's Project Act updated information can be found at:
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>. The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2016
Update is available at: **<https://aspe.hhs.gov/report/national-plan-address-alzheimers-disease-2016-update>**

Alzheimer's website: **<http://www.alzheimers.gov/>**

National Institute on Aging

Resources at: **<https://www.nia.nih.gov/>**

INFORMATION& RESOURCES:

University of Arizona Connect2STEM – FREE family-friendly event celebrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Medicine.

Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 10 am to 3 pm, UA College of Medicine – Phoenix, 550 E Van Buren Street, Phoenix

List of participating groups **[HERE](#)**

Banner Sun Health Research Institute Caregiver Education

Communication: Avoiding Arguments

Monday, January 30, 2017, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Banner Sun Health Research Institute

Registration is required; **please call 623-832-3248**

Arizona Fire Services Institute and Vitalyst Health Foundation – *Mobile Integrated Healthcare 360 Arizona: How Fire-Based and Private Sector Community Paramedicine Programs are Shifting the EMS Paradigm*

February 2-3, 2017, Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix

Information [HERE](#)

University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix

Mini-Medical School 3.0 events starting January 30, 2017

More information [HERE](#)

11th Annual James Case Memorial Workshop

Cognitive-Linguistic Assessments & Management in Neurogenic Communication Disorders

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, ASU Tempe Campus, Coor Hall, room TBA

More information [HERE](#)

4th Annual Arizona Healthy Communities Conference

March 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., East Valley Institute of Technology, Mesa, AZ

More information [HERE](#)

Arizona's 30th Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT, April 9-11, 2017 Phoenix Airport Marriott

Registration [HERE](#)

In case you missed it last time...

National Council on Aging/NCOA

NCOA has joined other national groups as part of the Leadership Council on Aging Organizations (LCAO) in advocating for older Americans to the new administration and Congress. See letter [HERE](#).

Other NCOA news: <https://www.ncoa.org/healthy-aging/>

Arizona Commerce Authority Accepting Application for [Spring 2017 Arizona Innovation Challenge](#)

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor's Office**

See the latest news

Newsroom: <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

#AZAWESOME Shareables: <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>

AHCCS News & Updates:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General's Senior Resources [HERE](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) – free health benefit counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers.

More information [HERE](#)

Just in case

If you wish to share our tracking list, here is the link to the web report:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25801&listid=61524&print=true>

Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

It is our goal to provide this email newsletter at least every other week during the session.

Enjoy your weekend ahead!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: gaca@az.gov and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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